



The Bunn Beacon

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Points from our Pastor

Can you believe it is November? That means Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away. Thanksgiving is a special time in the life of Americans. It is truly an American holiday. But more than that, it is to be an attitude in the Christian's life.

Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (KJV). We are to continually have a joyful, prayerful, and grateful attitude. Thanksgiving is something that we are to practice each day in our walk with God. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name" (KJV).

It is God's will for each of us to come before him in our own heart each day and thank him for his blessings. Paul says we are to do this in every situation that life brings us. What are some things we can be thankful for everyday?

Be thankful for family. Our culture today has written the family off. But God has not. He is the creator of the family. Family is a gift from God. We ought not to take our family for granted. Let God know, along with your family, how much you appreciate and love them.

Be thankful for freedom. Freedom is not cheap. Blood has to be shed for freedom. The freedom that our forefathers sought and fought for is not something we should not overlook. In a day when our freedoms are being tampered with and our Constitution twisted, we need to thank God for the freedoms we have. We should also pray for, and exercise our right to vote for, those who will do the most in preserving these God given freedoms.

Be thankful for forgiveness. Ephesians 1:7 says, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (KJV).

To the Christian, forgiveness is the most precious thing we have. Our hearts should never grow cold toward God's forgiveness. We should never get over the cross. Everyday take time out to thank the Father for his love for you; thank the Lord Jesus for shedding his blood for you; thank the Holy Spirit for living in you.

This thanksgiving, and everyday, let us do what the old song says: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below, praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

It is a privilege being your pastor. I love each of you.

Bro. Michael Spain Eph.6:18-20

Please remember to pray for our pastor each Sunday morning at 9:40am

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

November 8th, 2008 - 7am Bunn Baptist Fellowship Hall. The men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Consider bringing a friend. Each month we will have a special speakers or topic designed for godliness in our lives as men. We hope to see you there.

John Goodwin - Men's Fellowship Leader

November Bunn Baptist Church Library News

The Feature of the month: Who is the farm boy from North Carolina known as "the world's preacher"?...the one and only, Billy Graham, born in Charlotte, NC.

His calling as an evangelist has taken him to every nation over the past 50 years. He has been welcomed behind the Iron Curtain and on every continent. He has become friends with every president since Eisenhower and shared with them his unshakable belief in Christ.

He has written many books of which we have several in our Library, including his autobiography "Just As I Am". Take time to read and ENJOY!

Katie Aycock - Bunn Church Librarian

Our Choir Prepares for the Holiday Season

November 2nd will be an extended practice after church. Lunch and practice will be at the home of John and Pam Day immediately following the morning worship service.

The first Saturday in December there will be an extended practice, with dinner. More details about this will be coming soon.

The weekend before Christmas there will be Christmas Musical Celebration. As we get closer to the event, more information will be given. Please plan to attend and celebrate the birth of Our King.

Chris Straits - Bunn Baptist Minister of Music

Nursery care is each Sunday from 9:45 thru the end of the morning worship service. The November Nursery Worker list below is in addition to the regular staff:

November 2nd - Mary Straits & Kim West
November 9th - Berteen Wilder & Louise White
November 16th - Naomi White & Michelle Young
November 23rd - Alicia Guerrant & Hazel Whitley
November 30th - Rachel Hopper & Raye Strickland

Other news of interest

- ~Pastor Michael continues his Series on Revival which will run through the Fall.
- ~Bunn Beacon deadline for all December articles is November 14th. Please email yours on time.
- ~November 4th is US 2008 Election Day - Pray for our country and our leaders. Be sure to vote!

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New Prayer Room at Bunn Baptist

Ms. Hazel, Ms. Katie, Lisa & Jr. Caviness are transforming what was formerly a "storage room" into a beautiful room for prayer. There are only a few more things left to do before the room will be ready for use. Shades have been obtained and Jr. will be installing them. If you would like to help, we are looking for a lamp, a prayer kneeling pillow and some CDs of prayer music.

A prayer sheet will be provided in the next few days for people to sign up to block-out their time for prayer. More information will be announced soon.

If you can help or have questions please see Lisa Caviness, Hazel Whitley or Katie Aycock.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Phil. 4:6, 7 - Lisa Caviness

Highlights of the History of Bunn Baptist Church

Bunn Baptist Church was organized in 1911. The charter membership was composed entirely of members from Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Our present church building was completed in 1917 on lots given by the North State Development Company of Rocky Mount. Parsonages were constructed in 1948 and 1971. Our education building was added in 1960. In 1977 a new baptistery was built in the present location and the choir was relocated. In 1978 a mural was painted on canvas for the baptistery and new choir pews were given. Also in 1978 special storm plate glass was added to protect the beautiful stained glass windows, which we are currently trying to maintain with repairs where needed.

An informative pictorial history bulletin board is located in our fellowship hall. It includes pictures of our past 25 pastors. Rev. Al Snipes, our guest speaker on Homecoming Sunday, had the longest tenure of almost 11 years. The large attendance that Sunday is a testimony to his ministry here.

Our current church family is made up of 164 Bunn residents and 129 non-Bunn residents. How blessed our church and community would be if all our members were active and "on fire" for Jesus.

Hazel Whitley, Church Clerk

The Fall Chicken Plate Sale was cancelled due to rainy weather. It will be rescheduled at a later date. All proceeds will go towards the New Vision Building Project. See Jon Alford for information.

Coming next month: Our shut-in ministry with stories information, and blessing surrounding this very special ministry.

Please note: The content of each Bunn Beacon is derived from a number of sources and is presented as accurately as possible. We hope you find the information helpful. Contact the editor if you would like to contribute an announcement or an article.

G- GOD
R- REWARDS
O- OUR
W- WORK

1st Wed. of each month.
EACH ONE REACH ONE

Bunn Baptist Beacon Events & Prayer Calendar for November 2008 - Seek the Lord daily

Sat.	1	
Sun.	2	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship - 11am - Choir Lunch & Practice today
Mon.	3	Pray for America at Bunn Baptist - 6:30 pm - Deacon's meeting to follow
Tues.	4	Election Day - Be in prayer for our country and our leaders. Be sure to Vote
Wed.	5	GROW Visitation program - 1st Wednesday of each month - 6:30pm
Thurs.	6	
Fri.	7	
Sat.	8	Men's Breakfast & Fellowship 7am
Sun.	9	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship - 11am ~ Dream Team 4pm ~ Choir 5pm
Mon.	10	
Tues.	11	
Wed.	12	Studies for Adults & Youth - 6:30pm
Thurs.	13	
Fri.	14	Beacon Article Deadline
Sat.	15	Bible Studies for Adults & Youth 6:30pm
Sun.	16	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship 11am - Choir Practice 5pm
Mon.	17	
Tues.	18	
Wed.	19	Studies for Adults & Youth - 6:30pm
Thurs.	20	
Fri.	21	
Sat.	22	
Sun.	23	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship 11am - Choir Practice 5pm
Mon.	24	
Tues.	25	
Wed.	26	No Wednesday Night Service
Thurs.	27	Thanksgiving! Church office closed
Fri.	28	Church office closed
Sat.	29	
Sun.	30	Sunday School 9:45am & Worship 11am - Choir Practice 5pm
Mon.	31	